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2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION ORLANDO, FLORIDA JUNE 30 to JULY 5

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 76th annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind being held in Orlando at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. A detailed description of the layout of the hotel can be found immediately after the "Convention Notes," which are at the end of the program listings. Check the "Convention Notes" for further information about a variety of convention topics. When you check in to the hotel, you will be asked to confirm your departure date. If you decide to leave earlier than the departure date you confirm when you check in, there may be a change fee.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception from 8:00 to 9:30 pm on Thursday in the Panzacola Ballroom G-1, Level 1. President Riccobono and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week's activities.

Veteran conventioneers should urge all first-timers to attend this special event.

PREREGISTRATION AND ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Registration activities take place in the Sebastian Ballroom Prefunction area, Level 1 beginning at 9:00 am on Friday, at 8:30 am on Saturday, and at other times as listed throughout the week. All convention attendees (both local and out-of-town) are asked to register. Those who preregistered for convention may pick up their registration packets in the area designated "Preregistration." Those who did not preregister may go to the area designated "Registration." Please have your check or cash ready to pay the registration fee of \$30 per person; we cannot accept credit cards at registration. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge, if requested.

EXHIBIT HALL AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET

The Exhibit Hall and the NFB Independence Market are located in Sebastian Ballrooms K and L, Level 1. There is a special sponsor-only exhibitor preview for convention attendees on Friday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Exhibit Hall hours of operation are:

Friday 9:00 to 11:00 am (sponsors only)

Friday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday Noon to 1:45 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Monday Noon to 1:45 pm (final opportunity to visit the

Exhibit Hall)

Independence Market hours of operation are:

Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Sunday Noon to 1:45 pm

Monday Noon to 1:45 pm (final opportunity to visit the

Market)

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KNFB Reader uses the power of digital photography and a specially designed mobile device app, to read print on the go, using just your iOS or Android phone or tablet. Come see this award-winning, life-changing technology at demonstration and training sessions on Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm and on Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All sessions are held in Suwannee 11, Level 2. Go totally mobile and make the print yours today!

THE CONVENTION QUEST

Dots from Space! In the year 2525, a race of interstellar travelers comes upon the abandoned city of Baltimore, Maryland, and discovers a building well known to the members of the Federation. Follow these intrepid adventurers as they explore the mysterious secrets of the NFB Jernigan Institute and learn that it is respectable to be blind. Our heroes will face many challenges, but you can help by solving puzzles, answering trivia, and collaborating with your friends! To join in this

unique and interactive experience, please visit http://quest.nfb.org. For more information on how to play, please send an email to quest@nfb.org, or call (203) 364-4263.

SPECIAL ATTENTION ITEMS

- The Presidential Suite (13217); Dr. Maurer's Suite (13216); John Berggren's Suite (13230), Chairman of Convention Organization and Activities; and the Host Affiliate's Suite (10201) are all open during much of the convention. All are welcome to come to these suites to visit. Appointments to meet with President Riccobono may be made at the Presidential Suite.
- Banquet tickets may be purchased for \$65 by cash or check at the on-site registration area. No tickets will be available after 2:00 pm on Sunday. At the banquet exchange table you may make arrangements to reserve a specific seat for yourself or for a group of up to ten people. On the evening of the banquet, tickets will be required to enter the ballroom and will be collected at the tables. Tickets may be exchanged for vegetarian or kosher meals at the banquet exchange table if done so by 2:00 pm on Sunday.
- General Sessions will be held in Sebastian Ballrooms I and J, Level
 1.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to the Wekiwa Registration Desk, Level 2 on Sunday between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, or on Monday between noon and 2:00 pm.

CONVENTION AGENDA

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016

7:30 - 8:45 am—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Discuss convention frequencies, hotel architectural features, and distribution of special FM receivers for the hearing-impaired and Spanish-speaking attendees. Rachel Olivero (AD9O), President

7:30 am - 4:45 pm—TRANSITIONS: A CONFERENCE FOR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS OF BLIND/VISUALLY-IMPAIRED CHILDREN Registration: Adults, \$40; Two or more adults, \$70; Children (to 18), free. Sponsored by NFB's National Organization of Parents of Blind Children Division (NOPBC). Kim Cunningham, President

Panzacola Balloom F-1, Level 1

7:30-8:45 am—Registration

9:00-10:45 am—General Session

11:00 am-12:15 pm—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session I Essential 411: What You Need to Know to Optimize Your Convention Experience—**Suwannee 18, Level 2**On the Go: Transitioning to and Encouraging Independent Movement in Young Blind Children—**Suwannee 19, Level 2**Where Do I Fit In?: Transitions for Children with Low Vision— **Suwannee 20, Level 2**

Paired with a Para?: Suggestions on Paraprofessional Training, Roles, and Transitioning from Direct One-on-One Assistance to Child Independence—**Suwannee 21, Level 2** The New-Fangled Or Old-Fashioned Way?: High Tech Reading Technology, the Human Reader, and Transitioning between Them—**Suwannee 11, Level 2**

2:00-3:15 pm—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session II
Pre and Early Literacy: Encouraging the Young Braille Reader
through Touch and Play—Suwannee 18, Level 2
It's Here!: Transitioning to Fully Implementing Unified
English Braille—Suwannee 19, Level 2
I Don't Like That!: Encouraging the Reluctant Blind Child to
Use All Senses—Suwannee 20, Level 2
Preparing for Work Starts in Preschool: Community
Involvement, Volunteer Opportunities, and Work Experiences



THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

Education in Action: A Look Inside an Inclusive Model Classroom (High School Level)—**Suwannee 11, Level 2** 3:00-4:45 pm—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops Session III NOPBC and NFB, Ages and Stages: How to Capitalize on the Network and Resources of the NOPBC and NFB—**Suwannee 18, Level 2**

Access Technology: What's Out There, and When Should My Child Learn to Use It?—Suwannee 19, Level 2
So Many Changes: Helping Your Blind Child Transition Through Puberty—Suwannee 20, Level 2
You Too Can Be a Lazy Parent: Helping Blind Children Learn Skills for Independence Now So They Can Take Care of Themselves (and You) Later—Suwannee 21, Level 2
Education in Action: A Look Inside an Inclusive Model Classroom (Elementary Level)—Suwannee 11, Level 2

7:30 am - 5:00 pm—CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND—FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REHABILITATION AND ORIENTATION & MOBILITY CONFERENCE Panzacola Ballroom F-2, Level 1

7:30-8:30 am—Registration

8:30 am—Conference begins

Registration Fees: Students, \$75; Professionals, \$85 before June 15

(\$100 after that date applies).

Sponsors: National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB) and the Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB) at the Louisiana Tech University. Dr. Edward Bell, Chairperson

9:00 am - 9:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION WORKSHOPS Sebastian Ballroom I-2, Level 1

All classes are \$10 per session.

9:00-11:00 am, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, 2:00-4:00 pm, 4:30-6:30 pm,

7:00-9:00 pm—1Touch Self-Defense Class

Sponsored by the Sports & Recreation Division. Lisamaria Martinez, President

8:30 am—CHILD-CARE SERVICES (Preregistration by June 15 was required) **Suwannee 14, 15, 16, and 17, Level 2** Please see "Convention Note 6" for further information.

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(1) THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

8:30 - 11:30 am—NEWEST JAWS FEATURES AND A FIRST LOOK AT THE ELBRAILLE NOTETAKER

Panzacola Ballroom H-3, Level 1

Join Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, as we discuss and demonstrate the recent JAWS 17 release—including Smart Navigation—and introduce new features coming in JAWS 18. Learn about the student edition of JAWS/MAGic available from APH using Federal Quota funds. Lastly, we'll showcase the notetaker everyone has been waiting for...the ElBraille!

8:30 am - Noon—JOB SEEKER SEMINAR Wekiwa 5, Level 2

Want to get a job and don't know how? We have the answers you need! Experts from NFB training centers, agencies, and employers will give you the ammunition you need to nail that job! Includes breakouts and networking. Hone your skills for the NFB National Job Fair. Dick Davis, Chairperson, Employment Committee

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—JERNIGAN INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS Wekiwa 6, Level 2

8:30-10:00 am—Accessible Equation Creation

10:30 am-Noon—Academic eBooks

1:30-3:00 pm—WordPress Boot Camp

3:30-5:00 pm—Drupal Boot Camp

10:00 - 11:00 am—MANAGING YOUR MONEY: BUDGETING AND SAVINGS STRATEGIES

Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Learn concrete steps you can take to develop a financial plan. Discover tools and tips you can use for money management. Set financial goals and make a commitment to implement at least one idea you hear in the session.

10:00 am - 4:00 pm—NF-BE HEALTHY FAIR AND TRY IT SEMINAR Sebastian Ballroom J, Level 1

Join the NFB Sports & Recreation Division and WE Fit Wellness for a

hands-on health and exercise experience. Learn about *your* health, donate blood, check out accessible activity trackers and other health devices, and try some fun activities like sword fighting, cardio drumming, goalball, and more.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

11:00 am - Noon—AIRA INTRODUCES AUGMENTED REALITY TO ENHANCE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BLIND Wekiwa 9. Level 2

Learn how Aira is ushering in an exciting new stage in assistive technology through the use of wearable smart glass devices and cutting-edge video and data-streaming technologies to assist the blind in a wide range of daily activities. Augmented reality and artificial intelligence combine to render a new level of personal assistance.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (Ages 11-18) Wekiwa 1 and 2, Level 2

Noon - 6:00 pm—CRAFT SHOW & DEMONSTRATIONS Panzacola Ballroom H-4, Level 1

If you are interested in crafts and appreciate handmade items, this is the place to be! Come and meet some very talented Federation crafters and purchase their beautiful items for sale. Joyce Kane, President, NFB Krafters Division

1:00 - 3:00 pm—SCANNING AND READING SOLUTIONS FROM FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC AND OPTELEC BRANDS

Panzacola Ballroom H-3, Level 1

Join Dusty Voorhees and Richard Tapping for a hands-on demonstration of VFO-Group scanning and reading offerings. Whether you're a student or professional, whether you need portable OCR, a desktop reader with tons of storage, or rapid desktop scanning and reading, we'll show you a solution.

1:00 - 4:00 pm—SENIORS DIVISION SEMINAR—PLAY GAMES AGAIN! Wekiwa 4. Level 2

Meet seniors from across the country and learn how to play games adapted for blind players. Share your know-how with beginners at game playing. Fun prizes for bingo winners. Cost is \$5 per person to support the division. Ruth Sager, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HUMANWARE PRODUCT SHOWCASE AND USER GROUPS

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

1:00-3:00 pm—BrailleNote Touch: Come join us for a presentation of the new BrailleNote Touch, the world's first Google-certified Braille tablet. Hear all about the exciting future of this next generation of the BrailleNote.

3:00-4:00 pm—Victor Reader Stream: Small, smart, and wireless. An easy and enjoyable way to read!

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

4:00-5:00 pm—Innovations of the Future: An open forum for you to provide your feedback directly to HumanWare.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—OFFICE 365 USABILITY WITH MICROSOFT Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Microsoft will conduct a usability study to evaluate and enhance the accessibility of Microsoft's Office 365 products (Word, Outlook, SharePoint, OneDrive, Skype, OneNote, etc.). Participate in this session to help us better understand your needs and refine these productivity experiences to work seamlessly with assistive technologies.

2:00 - 4:00 pm—NFB NATIONAL JOB FAIR Panzacola Ballroom F-3 and F-4, Level 1

Spiff up, bring your résumé, and interview with employers who want to hire blind people; interview coaching available. We had two dozen employers and over two hundred job seekers last year, and expect even more this year! Sponsored by the NFB Employment Committee. Dick Davis, Chairperson

2:00 - 3:15 pm—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS Wekiwa 1 and 2, Level 2

5:00 - 7:00 pm—HISPANIC SEMINAR Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Blindness is blindness, no matter what the language. Meet new and old friends; learn about Federation philosophy and the truth about blindness—in Spanish. Alpidio Rolón, Moderator

5:00 - 7:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Wekiwa 7, Level 2

CAPS monitors and proposes action to influence policy on everevolving trends regarding vehicle, environmental, and infrastructural changes as they relate to pedestrian safety. All who possess a desire and commitment to work on these and other issues are invited to attend. Maurice Peret, Chairperson



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

5:30 - 7:00 pm—NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY Panzacola Ballroom F-1, Level 1

Relax, snack, chat, meet new families and teachers, and connect with old friends. Veteran attendees will be on hand to welcome you and provide information. Free admission with 2016 NOPBC Conference name badge:

\$15 per adult, \$5 per child without badge. Pizza and lemonade will be served. Cosponsored by the National Organization of Professionals in Blindness Education, a Division of the NFB.

5:00 - 7:30 pm—MIX-AND-MINGLE RECEPTION FOR REHABILITATION **PROFESSIONALS**

Panzacola Ballroom H-2, Level 1

5:30 - 7:00 pm—NFB LIONS GROUP Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Federationists who are Lions Club members or potential members should come to this meeting. Discuss activities of your club that help blind people locally or nationally. Learn about activities in other Lions Multiple Districts. Julaine Arient Rollman, Past District Governor, will tell us about her experience. Ramona Walhof and Milton Ota, Co-Chairpersons

6:00 - 7:00 pm—AIRA INTRODUCES AUGMENTED REALITY TO ENHANCE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BLIND Wekiwa 9, Level 2

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6:00 - 8:30 pm—PROMOTION, EVALUATION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF **TECHNOLOGY**

Panzacola Ballroom H-3, Level 1

Hear exhibitors explain briefly what they are exhibiting and where they are located in the Exhibit Hall. Come explore ways to evaluate new products; everyone is welcome. Mark Jones, Chairperson



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE **PROFESSIONALS**

Suwannee 19, Level 2

6:30 pm—Registration

Learn about assistive technology in the workplace, training opportunities, and any job announcements available. Lisa Hall, President

7:00 - 8:30 pm—LIVING HISTORY GROUP Suwannee 20, Level 2

Dedicated to recording, preserving, and appreciating Federation history. Michael Freholm, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:00 pm—WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE COMMITTEE Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Are there new and ingenious ways to collect money and spread the word about the NFB? I'm sure there are. Come and share your ideas on how to fund our movement. Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:30 pm—ROOKIE ROUNDUP Panzacola Ballroom G-1, Level 1

First-time convention attendees—don't miss this event! President Riccobono and former rookies will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions about the week's activities. Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind, President of the NFB of Louisiana, Chairperson and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind

8:00 - 9:00 pm—DAISY BOOK OF THE HOLY BIBLE Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Use your Victor Reader Stream to navigate to any verse in the King James Version Bible. Bring your old or new VR Stream; learn how to navigate and practice finding your favorite verses! A \$5 donation for each SD card pre-loaded with Bible DAISY books is requested. Also available in Spanish! Norm Gardner (801) 380-3138

8:00 - 11:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS **SOCIAL**

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Drop in to the National Association of Blind Students (NABS) Social to make some new friends or reconnect with old ones. Come chat with NABS members and leaders about our division or anything else that's on your mind. We hope to see you there. Sean Whalen, President

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

8:00 pm - Midnight—KARAOKE NIGHT ☐ ☐ (Admission: \$6) Panzacola Ballroom F-3 and F-4, Level 1

Here's your chance to sing like a rock star and help support BLIND, Inc. youth programs! Enjoy music, door prizes, and a cash bar as you learn about BLIND, Inc. Braille song lists are available. Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated.

8:30 - 10:00 pm—#NFB16 TWEET UP! Sebastian Ballroom I-1, Level 1

The NFB convention is the ultimate "social network." Drop in to meet Federationists you only know from Twitter; learn how to use the power of online social media; get geared up to share your convention experience; and get to know others who are supporters of @NFB_Voice. Cash bar available. Danielle Trevino, NFB Coordinator for Social Media & Member Engagement

9:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING Wekiwa 10, Level 2
Dan Burke, Chairperson



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9:00 am - 5:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30) AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$65)

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm—INDEPENDENCE MARKET Sebastian Ballroom K and L, Level 1

9:00 - 11:00 am—SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS PREVIEW Sebastian Ballroom K and L, Level 1

The Exhibit Hall opens its doors and is dedicated solely to sponsor-level exhibitors. Come to say "thank you" to our sponsors and enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our exhibiting convention sponsors are:

Elite:

Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Platinum:

Cardtronics, Inc.; Delta Air Lines; Google, Inc.; UPS; VFO (Freedom Scientific/Optelec)

Gold:

Microsoft, Sprint

Silver:

Amazon.com; Dropbox, Inc.; HumanWare; Pearson

Bronze:

VitalSource Technologies

White Cane:

Ai Squared; BAUM (USA) Inc.; HIMS, Inc.; OrCam

11:00 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBIT HALL Sebastian Ballroom K and L, Level 1



$\widehat{\mathbb{R}}$ FRIDAY, JULY 1, Continued

1:00 - 2:00 pm—AIRA INTRODUCES AUGMENTED REALITY TO ENHANCE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BLIND

Suwannee 20, Level 2

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1:00 - 2:00 pm—LEARN ABOUT NON-24-HOUR SLEEP-WAKE DISORDER, PRESENTED BY VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

Learn about Non-24-Hour Sleep-Wake Disorder (or "Non-24") and have your questions answered by a medical expert. The presentation will aim to educate everyone present about Non-24, its symptoms, its impact, and its prevalence in the blindness community. Following the event there will be an opportunity to sign up to receive additional information from Vanda regarding Non-24.

1:00 - 2:30 pm—KNFB READER: THE COOL TOOL FOR WORK & SCHOOL

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Witness the power of the fastest and most accurate print-reading app in person at our KNFB Reader demonstration. Enter a drawing to win a free copy of KNFB Reader while you try it for yourself firsthand. Make the print yours with KNFB Reader and live the life you want!

1:00 - 4:00 pm—NOPBC YOUTH STYLE SHOW Wekiwa 8, Level 2

1:00-2:30 pm—Rehearsal

2:45 pm—Style Show Begins

Our young blind models and NFB stars strut their stuff on the runway.

We extend a special invitation to our kids with additional disabilities. Come enjoy the fashions and music and support NOPBC. \$5 at the door. Frances Hammond, Board Member, NOPBC, and Kim Cunningham, President, NOPBC

1:00 - 4:00 pm—BLIND MUSICIANS GROUP Suwannee 19, Level 2

Share ideas and tips and network with other blind musicians. Linda Mentink, Chairperson



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ FRIDAY, JULY 1, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—Ai SQUARED SPECIAL SESSIONS Wekiwa 10, Level 2

1:00-2:00 pm—ZoomText Fusion - Overview

2:15-3:45 pm—ZoomText Fusion - Bootcamp, Basic Training

4:00-5:00 pm—What's New with ZoomText CamReader and **ImageReader**

1:00 - 5:00 pm—CITIES UNLOCKED FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITY Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Cities Unlocked is continuing to explore how technology can aid mobility and independence for all and we invite you to experience our current work. Join us for an informal feedback opportunity which will influence our work in progress and help shape and inform the current experience. Hosted by Microsoft.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—TRAVELING MORE INDEPENDENTLY USING UBER Wekiwa 9, Level 2

What started as an app to request premium black cars in a few metropolitan areas is now changing the logistical fabric of cities around the world. Learn about Uber, which helps everyone, including people who are blind, safely summon and use a vehicle to travel independently.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Consult the NFB-NEWSLINE® experts. Ask for a demonstration of our new features and try out new access methods. Learn to edit your favorites list, TV listings, or set up a job search. We're here to answer your questions. Not a subscriber? We can sign you up on the spot!

1:00 - 7:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION WORKSHOPS Sebastian I-2 Ballroom, Level 1

All classes are \$10 per session.

1:00-2:45 pm, 3:00-4:45 pm, 5:00-7:00 pm—1Touch Self-Defense Class



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ FRIDAY, JULY 1, Continued

1:00 - 8:30 pm—INSPIRING ARTISTS, BEGINNERS TO PROS Panzacola Ballroom H-4, Level 1

1:00-5:00 pm—Drop-in Activities

5:00-7:00 pm—Art Exhibit

7:00-8:30 pm—Artist Panel Discussion

Experience tactile art as a creative way to gather and share information and ideas. Visitors are invited to explore sculptures and other tactile art forms on display. This open art room offers free tools and materials for sculpting and tactile drawing. Deborah Kent Stein and Ann Cunningham, Coordinators

1:00 - 9:00 pm—TARGET ACCESSIBILITY Suwannee 21, Level 2

Come meet with members of the Target Digital Accessibility Team to receive demonstrations, participate in a user test, and get some Target swag.

1:00 pm—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Sebastian Ballroom J, Level 1 Sharon Maneki, Chairperson

2:00 - 6:00 pm—ORCAM TECHNOLOGIES Wekiwa 4, Level 2

With OrCam MyEye you can read text, identify products, and recognize faces. OrCam gives independence. Try it yourself! Book your appointment for an individual demonstration of OrCam MyEye in

advance at the OrCam table in the Exhibit Hall. For more information, call (800) 713-3741 or visit www.orcam.com.

2:30 - 5:00 pm—PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION Wekiwa 5, Level 2

1:30 pm—Registration

All professionals working with students from birth through age twentyone are welcome and encouraged to join our informative and interactive meeting. Come network and collaborate, sharing and learning with colleagues and future educators. Eric Guillory, President

3:00 - 4:30 pm—KNFB READER: THE COOL TOOL FOR WORK & SCHOOL

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3:00 - 6:00 pm—GOOGLE PRODUCT DEMONSTRATION Wekiwa 6, Level 2

Google will be giving a presentation on new accessibility and usability features of Google Docs, Android, and Chrome OS.

4:15 - 5:45 pm—NINETEENTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL (Admission: \$5) **Panzacola Ballroom G-1, Level 1**

Federation lawyers oppose each other to enact a case addressing the civil rights of blind people, and the audience serves as the jury. The subject matter is serious, but the courtroom portrayers are very entertaining. Scott LaBarre, President, National Association of Blind Lawyers

4:30 - 6:00 pm—NOPBC LAPS FOR LITERACY Wekiwa 1, Level 2

Swim and walk laps for literacy at this fun family event! Everyone is invited to attend and help raise money and expectations at the same time! Tickets are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for family, or raise money at home for free entry! Holly Miller, Coordinator

5:00 - 6:00 pm—AIRA INTRODUCES AUGMENTED REALITY TO

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Suwannee 20, Level 2

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5:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND VETERANS RECEPTION AND MEETING

Panzacola Ballroom H-2, Level 1

5:00-7:00 pm—Veterans Reception with Food and Cash Bar 7:00-10:00 pm—Annual Meeting

All veterans and interested parties are invited to attend. Veterans' issues will be discussed, opening session Veterans Celebration assignments will be given including the Color Guard, and VA-issued equipment will be demonstrated.

Dues will be collected. Dwight Sayer, President



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5:30 - 7:00 pm—KURZWEIL 1000 USER GROUP MEETING Sebastian Ballroom I-1, Level 1

Do you own a Kurzweil 1000? Join us at our user group meeting. A light dinner will be served. Participants must register, and space is limited. Registration instructions can be found at

http://www.nfb.org/kurzweil1000. Hosted by Stephen Baum, Vice President of Engineering at Kurzweil Educational Systems.

6:00 - 7:30 pm—NFB AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS SEMINAR

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

All state affiliate presidents and treasurers are asked to attend this session. Topics will include state financials, state and federal filings, year-end preparations, and national fundraising programs. Participants can discuss state issues with facilitators Bridgid Burke and Nick Lambright.

6:00 - 7:30 pm—COMMITTEE ON AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND

INNOVATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION

Wekiwa 3, Level 2

This committee collects information about trends in transportation and emerging models of transportation that might not exist today which may present opportunities for the blind to move around independently, ensuring the NFB plays a prominent role in the future of transportation. Sachin Dev Pavithran, Chairperson

6:00 - 10:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS)

Panzacola Ballroom G-1, Level 1

6:00 pm—Registration (\$5)

Students, young professionals, parents, teachers, and anyone interested in learning about issues affecting blind students are welcome and encouraged to attend. It promises to be not only informative, but fun, too! Come on out! Sean Whalen, President

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE

Wekiwa 9, Level 2

6:00 pm—Registration

Learn about Braille-related research, discuss current projects with vendors who produce Braille through hard copy and technology, UEB progress, and develop strategies for strengthening our division. Steve Booth, President



FRIDAY, JULY 1, Continued

7:00 - 8:30 pm—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION Suwannee 19, Level 2

Come learn about issues facing employees of federal, state, and municipal government, as well as public schools and public utility commissions. Find out about government jobs and self-advocacy. Ivan Weich, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—LEGISLATIVE MEET UP Wekiwa 6, Level 2

A recap of Washington Seminar, a run-down of priorities, a reunion for legislative directors, and a lesson from special guest Brooke Lierman, delegate to the Maryland General Assembly and attorney at Brown,

Goldstein & Levy, about politics behind the scenes. Parnell Diggs, Gabe Cazares, and Derek Manners, Government Affairs Team

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® YEARLY REVIEW AND A LOOK AHEAD

Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Come see what's new with NFB-NEWSLINE®! Learn about new publications and improvements to the largest and most diverse news and information service.

7:30 - 9:00 pm—LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE Wekiwa 8, Level 2

Come and discuss what services there are and what they could be. Learn about new additions to the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) and other accessible book programs. David Hyde, Chairperson

7:30 - 9:30 pm—BLIND PARENTS GROUP Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Blind parents share their experiences with child-raising issues, such as learning infant care, coping with printed homework assignments, finding print-Braille books, dealing with the public's misconceptions, and more.

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

7:45 - 8:45 pm—MEMBERSHIP FAIR Wekiwa 5, Level 2

Come one, come all! This is a fun, interactive fair full of examples of how to go about finding new members for your chapter and affiliate. We will be combining the excitement of our Federation movement with new generation methods; you will want to take these solutions home with you. Jeannie Massay, Chairperson, Membership Committee



\emptyset FRIDAY, JULY 1, Continued

8:00 - 9:00 pm—JUDAISM MEETING Suwanee 18, Level 2

David Stayer, Chairperson, NFB in Judaism Group

8:00 - 9:00 pm—DAISY BOOK OF THE HOLY BIBLE Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Use your Victor Reader Stream to navigate to any verse in the King

James Version Bible. Bring your old or new VR Stream; learn how to navigate and practice finding your favorite verses! A \$5 donation for each SD card pre-loaded with Bible DAISY books is requested. Also available in Spanish! Norm Gardner (801) 380-3138

8:15 - 10:15 pm—FITNESS ENTHUSIASTS SWIM-UP Pool Area

This year join us at the pool for a little night-time swim-up with fitness enthusiasts from across the country! Get ready to network and have fun. Bathing suits are encouraged. Sponsored by the Sports & Recreation Division. Lisamaria Martinez, President

8:45 - 9:45 pm—AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS & OPPORTUNITY AMBASSADORS MEETING

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

If you are an Affiliate President or Opportunity Ambassador, please join us for this meeting to discuss new initiatives relating to member recruitment and engagement, new tools, and resources to grow our family. Jeannie Massay, Chairperson

9:00 - 10:00 pm—SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE Wekiwa 10, Level 2

We provide simultaneous translation into Spanish during the general sessions of the convention and lead other Spanish initiatives for the Federation. Please join us if you would like to help with this effort. Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2016

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30) AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$65)

Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBIT HALL and INDEPENDENCE MARKET Sebastian Ballrooms K and L, Level 1

9:00 - 11:30 am—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to All) Sebastian Ballrooms I and J, Level 1

10:00 - 11:45 am—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (Ages 11-14) (Teens 14-18 are encouraged to attend the National Board meeting) Wekiwa 1 and 2, Level 2

12:30 - 4:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION MEETING Suwannee 13, Level 2

12:30 pm—Registration

As always, the Sports & Recreation Division promises to have great tips on how to get up and move. At our meetings we don't just sit—we move! Lisamaria Martinez, President

12:30 - 4:00 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS Wekiwa 10, Level 2

Blind teachers discuss techniques they use in their classrooms. Participants also meet in groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest to create a network of mentors. If you teach or are considering a career in teaching at any level, please join us. Cayte Mendez, President

12:30 - 4:30 pm—NFB DEAF-BLIND DIVISION WORKSHOP Wekiwa 9, Level 2

12:30 pm—Registration

1:00 pm—Workshop

Adjusting to hearing loss, building an accessible community, the basics of support service provider (SSP) services, communication, travel, and more. Meet new friends, share ideas, learn how others manage challenges and find solutions to living with a combined hearing and vision loss. Alice Eaddy, President



SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

12:30 - 4:30 pm—KNOWLEDGE IS POWER! BE A POWERFUL SENIOR Wekiwa 6, Level 2

12:30 pm—Registration (\$5)

1:30 pm—Meeting

Join the Senior Division, the fastest-growing group of the nation's blind. Learn from fellow Federationists how to be a vibrant leader in your community. Find out how to advocate for better services for seniors in your state. Officer elections will be held, as will our silent auction. Ruth Sager, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—DIABETES ACTION NETWORK SEMINAR Suwannee 11, Level 2

12:30 pm—Registration

Learn about new accessible diabetes equipment coming to market and strategies for living well with diabetes. Division officer and board member elections will be held. Mike Freeman, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS Panzacola Ballroom H-3, Level 1

12:30 pm—Registration

Examine laws affecting blind people and others with disabilities; address ongoing struggles to gain equal access to websites, employment, legal texts, and exams; share practice tips for blind lawyers. Scott LaBarre, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NFB IN COMPUTER SCIENCE Wekiwa 4, Level 2

12:30 pm—Registration

Enhancing nonvisual access to information technology and improving the ability of blind information technology professionals to compete in today's world. Curtis Chong, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Suwannee 19, Level 2

12:30 pm—Registration

Speakers will tell how their faith has helped them face and overcome challenges; also hear representatives from various faith-based libraries and publishing houses describe what their organizations do. Tom Anderson, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (Ages 11-18) Wekiwa 1 and 2, Level 2



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

1:00 - 4:00 pm—NOPBC MEETING Panzacola Ballroom F-1, Level 1

Keynote address by the 2016 Distinguished Educator of Blind Children; talks on accessible science, art, textbooks, games, technology, programs for kids, Parent Power, business meeting, elections, and more. Kim Cunningham, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION Suwannee 21, Level 2

Learn about our new programs and bring your ideas for the future. Then join the discussion with our panel on acting, stage presence, and style. Learn the basics or practice your Braille music skills in this workshop led by musicians who are experts in the code. Julie McGinnity, President

1:00 - 4:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS Panzacola Ballroom F-2, Level 1

Come celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the Randolph Sheppard Act and immerse yourself in the creative and dynamic entrepreneurial spirit of our division. Nicky Gacos, President

1:00 - 4:30 pm—WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING Suwannee 18, Level 2

We will be updating members on division business, announcing the 2016 winners of the youth and adult writing contests, and presenting all of the year's classes and services. Come ready to learn. We will have a special guest speaker to be announced soon. Eve Sanchez, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—BLIND CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Join us for a meet and greet, a panel discussion, and personal stories of strength and courage. Our group's purpose is to help all cancer survivors get well and stay well, to offer preventive measures, and to create a platform for cohesive dialogue and information dissemination. Isaiah Nelson, Coordinator

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHAB **PROFESSIONALS**

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

1:00 pm—Registration

Network, share mutual interests, find placement strategies, and examine and discuss concerns and current issues. Melody Roane, President



R SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION Suwannee 20, Level 2

1:00 pm—Registration (\$5)

2:00-5:00 pm—Division Meeting

We are a diverse group of blind professionals, paraprofessionals, and students pursuing careers as social workers, mental health counselors. psychologists, and other allied health professions. Please join us to network within the fields, share experiences, exchange ideas, and learn more about how to be the most effective in our fields. Merry C. Schoch, President

1:00 - 6:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Consult the NFB-NEWSLINE® experts. Ask for a demonstration of our new features and try out new access methods. Learn to edit your favorites list, TV listings, or set up a job search. We're here to answer your questions. Not a subscriber? We can sign you up on the spot!

1:00 - 8:30 pm—INSPIRING ARTISTS, BEGINNERS TO PROS Panzacola Ballroom H-4, Level 1

1:00-5:00 pm—Drop-in Activities

5:00-7:00 pm—Art Exhibit

7:00-8:30 pm—Hands-on Workshop for Parents and TVIs Experience tactile art as a creative way to gather and share information and ideas. Visitors are invited to explore sculptures and other tactile art forms on display. This open art room offers free tools and materials. Deborah Kent Stein and Ann Cunningham, Coordinators

4:00 - 6:00 pm—UNITED BLIND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF AMERICA Wekiwa 8. Level 2

Join your Federation colleagues for a wide-ranging discussion about improving working conditions and wages for all blind workers, and developing strategies to ensure that all disabled workers are paid at least the minimum wage. Sandy Halverson, President

4:00 - 10:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION WORKSHOPS **Panzacola Ballroom G-2, Level 1**

All classes are \$10 per session.

4:15-6:00 pm, 6:15-8:00 pm, 8:15-10:00 pm—1Touch Self-Defense Class



(1) SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

4:30 - 6:30 pm—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE SEMINAR **Suwannee 13, Level 2**

What's the best way to engage members of the media? What does a successful media interview look and sound like? Learn from experts and share ideas and strategies on how to harness the power of the media! Chris Danielsen, Chairperson

4:30 - 6:30 pm—ANATOMY OF A PIANO TUNER Wekiwa 10, Level 2

Join the Piano Technology Group in a discussion of piano tuners in blind society, and help us change what it means to be a blind piano tuner. Don Mitchell, Chairperson

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS RECEPTION

Panzacola Ballroom H-2, Level 1

For NABL Division members and seminar participants only; to promote networking and fellowship within our membership. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar are available. Scott LaBarre, President

5:00 - 7:00 pm—BRAILLE BOOK FAIR Panzacola Ballroom F-3 and F-4, Level 1

A book lover's dream! Browse tables of new and used Braille and print/Braille books. Volunteers will box and deliver them to the post office for Free Matter shipment to your home. Books are free; donations are encouraged. Krystal Guillory, Coordinator

5:15 - 6:45 pm—COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: OPEN TO ALL LEADERS

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

Join other chapters, affiliates, and divisions in a showcase of social

media strategies and action plans, which will help you reach non-members in a "brand" new way. Plus, we'll demonstrate how your fundraising communications can be *fun* and energizing! Corbb O'Connor, Chairperson

6:00 - 8:00 pm—CHAPTER PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY Wekiwa 1, Level 2

Basics 101: Foundations and Cornerstones. This first class of the new Chapter President University Leader Development Program will emphasize building a chapter that will stand the test of time. By invitation only. Jeannie Massay and Danielle Trevino, Coordinators



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS Panzacola Ballroom F-2, Level 1

6:00-6:45 pm—Registration

7:00 pm—Meeting

Celebrate our successes in education and advocacy on behalf of guide dog users. Be the first to see our new video "Service Animals in Zoos," followed by a Q&A from Dr. Larry Killmar of Lowry Park Zoo. News from affiliate divisions, advocacy activities, mobile app updates, and elections will be covered as well; even test-drive a guide dog! Marion Gwizdala, President

6:15 - 10:00 pm—NFB COMMUNITY SERVICE DIVISION Wekiwa 8, Level 2

6:15 pm—Registration

6:35 pm—Seminar

9:00 pm—Business Meeting

Hear from speakers about their community service experiences, discover how the blind live the lives we want through serving our community, and find out what the division has been up to in the past year. Let's get involved! Darian Smith, President

6:30 - 9:45 pm—SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DIVISION Suwannee 21, Level 2

6:30 pm—Registration

7:00 pm—Meeting

Come hear from blind scientists and learn how to gain access to graphics and mathematical material, make raised-line drawings, and prepare scientific research for publication. John Miller, President

6:30 - 10:00 pm—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS DIVISION Suwannee 11, Level 2

6:30 pm—Registration

This meeting will include an update on the accessibility of Google Apps, learning NVDA, an introduction to Windows 10, and strategies for teaching people with multiple disabilities. We'll be sharing what works and getting help with challenges. \$5 for resource CD and other benefits. Nancy Coffman, Coordinator



$\widehat{\mathbb{N}}$ SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

6:30 - 10:00 pm—DEAF-BLIND DIVISION SEMINAR & BUSINESS **MEETING**

Wekiwa 9, Level 2

6:30 pm—Seminar

8:00 pm—Business Meeting

Professionals, educators, and deaf-blind consumers speak on current issues in the national deaf-blind community. Please join us for this informative session. Following the seminar, there will be a deaf-blind division business meeting and election of officers. Alice Eaddy, President

7:00 - 8:30 pm—"WNFB" (A play written by Jerry Whittle; \$5 admission fee; one performance only)

Panzacola Ballroom G-1, Level 1

Two witty blind DJs spin NFB songs and other music while conducting a national radio broadcast, during which several callers express their feelings and ask rather intriguing questions. All proceeds benefit the summer children's programs at the Louisiana Center for the Blind.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EMPOWER UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS Wekiwa 4, Level 2

If you are feeling underserved, come and be heard! Get empowered to live the life you want! Ron Brown, Chairperson, Committee to Empower **Underserved Populations**

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB KRAFTERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING Suwannee 18, Level 2

Join us to hear about our telephone conference classes taught by blind and visually-impaired crafters and learn about our email classes. Become a paid member and take as many classes as you would like through July 2017. Joyce Kane, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—DADS' NIGHT OUT

All dads, sighted and blind, are welcome. Contact Bill Cucco at (201) 602-6318 for location. Sponsored by NOPBC.

7:30 - 9:30 pm—BLIND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE MEETING Wekiwa 5. Level 2

Come learn about issues facing federal employees and applicants. Share your experiences with and your solutions to federal workplace challenges. Ronza Othman, Chairperson



SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

7:00 - 10:00 pm—BALLROOM DANCING WORKSHOPS Suwannee 13, Level 2

6:30 pm—Registration (\$5)

6:45 pm—Waltz Lesson

8:00 pm—Swing Lesson

Take the first step and learn to conquer the dance floor with elegant waltz and spunky swing! No partner or prior dance experience needed; all welcome! Katelyn MacIntyre, Vice President, NFB Performing Arts Division

8:00 - 9:00 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING Suwannee 19, Level 2

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. A second Friends of Recovery meeting will be on Monday at 8:00 pm. Hunter M., Coordinator

8:00 - 9:30 pm—WEBMASTERS MEETING Suwannee 20, Level 2

A meeting for all NFB affiliate and division webmasters to discuss the importance of an informative, accessible, and visually attractive website. Gary Wunder, Chairperson

7:00 - 8:00 am—ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS Panzacola Ballroom F-2, Level 1 Father Gregory Paul, C.P., Celebrant

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS **Wekiwa 10, Level 2**

8:45 - 9:15 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

8:45 - 9:15 am—REGISTRATION (\$30), AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$65)

Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

9:30 am INVOCATION

9:35 am WELCOMING CEREMONIES
2016 National Convention Host Committee

10:00 am CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: VETERANS RECOGNIZED
Dwight Sayer, President, National Association of Blind
Veterans, a Division of the National Federation of the Blind;
Winter Garden, Florida

10:20 am ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11:55 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Noon ADJOURN



Noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBIT HALL AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET **Sebastian Ballrooms K and L, Level 1**

12:15 - 1:45 pm—LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI RECEPTION

Panzacola Ballroom H-2, Level 1

All Louisiana Center for the Blind (LCB) alumni and those interested in learning more about our life-changing programs are welcome! Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni! Learn how LCB training will help you "live the life you want!" Pam Allen, Executive Director

1:30 - 2:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30) AND *FINAL* BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$65)

Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

3:05 pm TOP OF MIND EVERYDAY: MICROSOFT'S COMMITMENT TO ACCESSIBILITY AND INNOVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FEDERATION

John Jendrezak, Partner Director of Program Management, Microsoft; Redmond, Washington

3:25 pm THE LAW OF DISABILITY, SPECIAL TREATMENT, DR. JACOBUS TENBROEK, AND THE CONSTITUTION

Marc Maurer, Director of Legal Policy and Immediate Past

President, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore,

Maryland



3:55 pm UNDEFINED BY BLINDNESS: SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL LITERACY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BLIND Kathy Martinez, Senior Vice President, Lead Disability Segment, Marketing and Brand Strategy, Enterprise Marketing, Wells Fargo & Company; San Francisco, California

4:15 pm NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND: CONTINUING TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES Kevin Lynch, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Industries for the Blind; Alexandria, Virginia

4:35 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

5:30 - 6:30 pm—NOMINATING COMMITTEE Wekiwa 8, Level 2

6:00 - 7:30 pm—SELF-ADVOCACY IN HIGHER EDUCATION **Wekiwa 5, Level 2**

A workshop for current or soon-to-be undergraduate or graduate students to know your legal rights and learn effective strategies for self-advocacy in obtaining accommodations and accessing instructional materials and digital content. Mehgan Sidhu, NFB General Counsel

6:00 - 10:00 pm—TARGET ACCESSIBILITY Suwannee 21, Level 2

Come meet with members of the Target digital accessibility team to receive demonstrations, participate in a user test, and get some Target swag!

6:30 - 9:00 pm—COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE **Panzacola Ballroom F-1, Level 1**

Come and meet our staff and students from the Colorado Center for the Blind. Discover why training will change your whole life! See what we do in all our classes, from technology to cane travel; pick up a puzzle, grab a recipe, and join us for a fun evening! Julie Deden,

Director



7:00 - 8:00 pm—HOW TO HOLD A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN SIX EASY STEPS

Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Learn how to plan and host a voter registration drive that will attract new members to your chapter and serve your local community. Lou Ann Blake and Charles S. Brown, Coordinators

7:00 - 9:00 pm—Careers in automotive-related specialties group

Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Are you car-crazy? Come and mingle with like-minded individuals. We will be discussing ways a blind person can excel in the automotive repair industry. Helpful devices will be on display that will make work faster and easier.

Call (248) 595-9134 for details. Marcus Simmons, Chairman

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Wekiwa 10, Level 2

An energetic meeting—everyone participates! New technology and other resources, information and advice. Looking for a job? Bring your résumé! Looking for an employee? Bring your job posting! Networking abounds. What can we do to get more blind people working? Let us know. Dick Davis, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EXHIBIT HALL Sebastian Ballroom K and L, Level 1

7:00 - 9:00 pm—KNFB READER LIAISON MARKETING MEETING Suwannee 11, Level 2

All KNFB Reader Liaisons are requested to attend this meeting. We will be providing training, reviewing presentation materials, discussing target audiences, and answering questions. Please bring your device(s), your ideas, and your questions!

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS

7:00-9:45 pm—Adaptive Games

A make-and-take session for families to learn how to adapt storebought games to include blind and visually-impaired children in family fun.

Suwanee 19, Level 2

7:00-8:15 pm—IEP Workshop for Parents of Blind and Visually-Impaired Students.

Suwanee 18, Level 2



SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

8:30-9:45 pm—Basic IEP Advocacy Training For NFB members and families who wish to help other families learn to advocate effectively at IEP meetings.

Suwanee 18, Level 2

7:00 - 9:45 pm—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK ACTIVITY (Ages 11-18) Wekiwa 2, Level 2

Deal Me In: Learning Poker and Other Card Games

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NOPBC CHILDREN'S CRAFT & GAME NIGHT (Ages 5-12)

Wekiwa 1, Level 2

This activity will be available for children of families attending workshops during this time. NFB Child Care will not be open!

8:00 - 9:30 pm—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Wekiwa 8, Level 2

Technology is omnipresent in our lives. While it provides unprecedented advantages in education and employment, the blind are still excluded from many products. Hear about new advances and discuss ways we can influence developers to include accessibility in their hardware and software. Rachel Olivero and Chancey Fleet, Chairpersons

8:00 - 10:00 pm—AN OPEN-AIR OUTDOOR CONCERT: FREE TO LIVE THE LIVES WE WANT (Admission: \$15)

Gatlin Terrace

Continue the excitement of convention opening day with a live, outdoor concert featuring Federationists who make a living writing and playing music. Professional musicians and songwriters JP Williams and Tom Page will perform a mix of originals and covers. A cash bar is available. (Admission: \$15 benefitting the NFB.)

8:00 - 11:30 pm—MONTE CARLO NIGHT Wekiwa 6, Level 2

Try your luck at playing popular card games; bring friends along or make new ones—either way it's sure to be great fun! Cash bar provided. Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students Division.



R SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

9:00 pm - Midnight—TRIVIA NIGHT (Admission: \$10) Panzacola Ballroom H-2, Level 1

Come join the Community Service Division as we bring back trivia night! An evening full of fun, laughs, and some healthy competition! Proceeds benefit future programs and activities of the Community Service Division.

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS **Wekiwa 10, Level 2**

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$30)
Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am FINANCIAL REPORT

10:00 am ELECTIONS

11:00 am A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE: THE FEDERATION IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH Natalie Shaheen, Project Director, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

> Joe Heimlich, Executive Director, Center for Research and Evaluation; COSI and Principal Researcher, Lifelong Learning Group; Columbus, Ohio

> Cricket Bidleman, Apprentice, NFB STEM2U; Participant, NFB EQ; Morro Bay, California

Frances Hammond, Board Member, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children; Albuquerque, New Mexico

Arianna Benally, Junior, NFB STEM2U Columbus and NFB STEM2U Phoenix; Albuquerque, New Mexico

Salvador Villa, Apprentice, NFB STEM2U Phoenix; Participant, NFB EQ 2016; McAllen, Texas



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

11:35 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Noon ADJOURN

Noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBIT HALL AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET (final opportunity to visit the Independence Market and Exhibit Hall) **Sebastian Ballrooms K and L, Level 1**

12:30 - 1:30 pm—CASH AND CARING NETWORK Wekiwa 5, Level 2

States and chapters learn from and build on the experiences of other groups in raising funds for themselves and for the national treasury. We will talk about using social media in conjunction with fundraising. Every affiliate should be represented on this network. Ramona Walhof, Chairperson

12:30 - 1:45 pm—NOPBC BRAINSTORMING SESSION Suwannee 20, Level 2

Please share your ideas with us. What did you like at this convention? What resources would help you stay connected throughout the year? What workshops might you like to see us offer next year? Be a part of this valuable conversation. Kim Cunningham, President

1:30 - 2:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30)
Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm THE BLIND IN THE WORLD: LEADERSHIP, PHILOSOPHY, AND ACTION ON A GLOBAL SCALE Fredric Schroeder, First Vice President, World Blind Union;

Vienna, Virginia



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

2:25 pm THE ROOTS OF THE FEDERATION IN THE WORLD: THE ISABELLE GRANT STORY IN HER OWN WORDS Deborah Kent Stein, Editor, *Future Reflections*; First Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Illinois; Chicago, Illinois

2:40 pm ADVOCACY AND POLICY REPORT John G. Paré Jr., Executive Director for Advocacy and Policy, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Parnell Diggs, Director, Government Affairs, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Gabe Cazares, Government Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Derek Manners, Advocacy and Policy Analyst, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

3:15 pm REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

5:15 - 8:15 pm—AMAZON DEVICES AND EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY Panzacola Ballroom F-3, Level 1

An exploration of VoiceView, Amazon's new screen reader for FireOS and Kindle e-readers, as well as Amazon Alexa, a cloud-based voice-control service for music, books, the environment, and more. Amazon Education will demonstrate the progress made under their collaboration with the NFB. Peter Korn, Accessibility Architect

6:00 - 7:30 pm—ADVOCACY SKILLS FOR BLIND PARENTS Wekiwa 5, Level 2

A workshop on advocacy strategies for blind parents in the context of family law proceedings, interactions with the department of social services, and participation in K-12 public school systems. Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum, Attorney, Brown, Goldstein & Levy.



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

7:00 - 8:30 pm—KNFB READER: THE COOL TOOL FOR WORK & SCHOOL

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Witness the power of the fastest and most accurate print-reading app in person at our KNFB Reader demonstration. Enter a drawing to win a free copy of KNFB Reader while you try it for yourself firsthand. Make the print yours with KNFB Reader and live the life you want!

7:00 - 9:00 pm—BRAILLE PROOFREADING SEMINAR Wekiwa 9, Level 2

If you are a parent of a blind child, teacher of blind and visuallyimpaired children, a rehabilitation teacher, or interested in learning what's happening in the Braille field, join us to get hands-on experience. Presented by the National Association of Blind Office Professionals Division. Lisa Hall, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—SOCIAL SECURITY AND SSI: WHAT YOU SHOULD **KNOW**

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

Social Security and SSI benefits, eligibility criteria, application process, reporting obligations, and information about working while receiving benefits. Also learn about the status of the Blind Persons Return to Work Act. Parnell Diggs, Presenter

8:00 - 9:00 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING Suwannee 19, Level 2

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. Hunter M., Coordinator

8:00 - 10:30 pm—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT Panzacola Ballroom G, Level 1

Join us for a night of great performances. Whether you perform in the show or support your friends from the audience, it is an enjoyable evening of great entertainment. General admission is \$5. We will award cash prizes to two acts. The cost to perform in this year's show will be \$10. Call (317) 643-1890 with any questions. Presented by the Performing Arts Division. Julie McGinnity, President

8:00 pm - Midnight—SALSA NIGHT (Admission: \$5) **Panzacola Ballroom F-4, Level 1**

Dance the night away as you learn to dance to salsa music using the Braille cell. All levels of skill are welcome. A competition takes place at the end with great prizes. Cash bar is provided. Proceeds benefit the Spanish Translation Committee. Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson



7:15 - 8:45 am—AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

7:15 am—Doors open

7:30 am—Breakfast served

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) cordially invites you to a complimentary breakfast, featuring welcome remarks from our new president and CEO, Kirk Adams. We hope you will stop in, introduce yourself, and spend some time speaking with AFB staff. Attendance is limited; please RSVP to Sarah Malaier, smalaier@afb.net or call (202) 469-6831 no later than June 20 to receive a confirmation email with the breakfast banquet room location information.

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS **Wekiwa 10, Level 2**

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$30)—*Final opportunity to register* **Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1**

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am PUTTING NEWS FIRST: BREAKING DOWN STEREOTYPES AS A BLIND JOURNALIST
Gary O'Donoghue, BBC Washington Correspondent;
Washington, District of Columbia

9:25 am ENGAGING BLIND PEOPLE IN THE REAL PROBLEMS OF BLINDNESS: A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND JERNIGAN INSTITUTE

Anil Lewis, Executive Director for the NFB Jernigan Institute, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Lou Ann Blake, Deputy Director for the NFB Jernigan Institute, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore,

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Clara Van Gerven, Manager of Accessibility Programs, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

- 9:55 am SLAM THAT! LIVING THE LIFE SHE WANTS BEGINS WITH THE **FEDERATION** Jordyn Castor, Software Engineer, Apple, Inc.; San Francisco, California
- 10:10 am PARTICIPATING IN THE AMERICAN DREAM MEANS PAYING TAXES: THE INNOVATION OF ACCESSIBLE FINANCIAL TOOLS AT H&R BLOCK Bret Reimer, Technology Manager, H&R Block; Kansas City, Missouri
- 10:25 am EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS, MATH INNOVATIONS, AND REAL ACCESSIBILITY: PROGRESS AT PEARSON Jon Twing, Executive Vice President and Chief Measurement Officer, Pearson Education; Iowa City, Iowa
- 10:40 am BRINGING THE BRAILLE COMMITMENT TO NEW HEIGHTS: THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE BRAILLENOTE Gilles Pepin, Chief Executive Officer, HumanWare; Drummondville, Québec, Canada
- 11:00 am INVESTING AND LEADING IN TECHNOLOGY: THE FEDERATION IN ADVANCING ACCESS TO INFORMATION lames Gashel, Vice President of Business Development and Product Evangelist, KNFB, LLC; Secretary, National Federation of the Blind; Avon, Colorado
- 11:20 am THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: ACCELERATING AND EXPANDING ACCESS TO **BOOKS** Karen Keninger, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; Washington, District of Columbia

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TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

Noon - 1:45 pm—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING Suwannee 11, Level 2; Rachel Olivero (AD9O), President

Noon - 1:45 pm—RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS Wekiwa 5, Level 2

12:15 - 1:45 pm—NLS QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION Wekiwa 10, Level 2

A question-and-answer session with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress.

GENERAL SESSION

- 2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER
- 2:05 pm DR. JACOB BOLOTIN AWARDS
 James Gashel, Chairperson, Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award
 Committee; Secretary, National Federation of the Blind;
 Avon, Colorado
- 2:35 pm HOW EXPONENTIAL TECHNOLOGIES WILL IMPACT DISABILITIES
 Ray Kurzweil, Director of Engineering, Google, Inc.; Mountain View, California
- 2:55 pm LIVING THE LIFE SHE WANTS: REHABILITATION PROFESSIONAL, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND MOTHER Amy Buresh, President, National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska; Lincoln, Nebraska
- 3:15 PM EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AT AMAZON: A PLAN FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND EXCELLENCE FOR THE BLIND Rohit Agarwal, General Manager, Amazon K-12 Education, Amazon.com, Inc.; Seattle, Washington

3:35 pm ELIMINATING ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS: CIVIL RIGHTS AND DISIBILITY AT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Eve Hill, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice; Washington, District of Columbia



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3:55 pm EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND DISCOVERING TALENT:

A JOURNEY FROM DISCRIMINATION TO PARTICLE

ASTROPHYSICS RESEARCH

Jamie Principato, Undergraduate Physics and Math Student,

University of Colorado Boulder; Boulder, Colorado

4:45 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

7:00 pm—BANQUET
Sebastian Ballrooms I and J, Level 1
INVOCATION
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Marc Maurer
INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
BANQUET ADDRESS: Mark Riccobono
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CONVENTION NOTES:

Note 1: A Federation information desk is in the registration area from Friday morning through Tuesday in case you have questions or need assistance.

Note 2: Rosen Shingle Creek room rates are: singles and doubles, \$83; triples and quads, \$89. In addition to the room rates, there is a 13.5 percent tax. There is no charge for children under seventeen in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required. Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge, if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid. This is a non-smoking hotel; smoking is permitted only in specified areas outside.

Note 3: Guide Dog Relief Areas:

There are two guide dog relief areas at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. The one closest to the sleeping room section is located outside lower lobby level at the rear side of the hotel, toward the outdoor function space and pool area. The one closest to the meeting room section is located in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing on level one. Go past the Sebastian Ballrooms K and L (Exhibit Hall and Independence Market), exit through the doors across the end of the wing that lead to the event parking lot, and turn left.

Note 4: All requests for announcements by President Riccobono during General Sessions must be submitted in Braille.

Note 5: Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct drawings during the sessions or at the banquet. Groups or affiliates wishing to conduct their drawings (or any person wishing to know the winners) may go at noon on Tuesday to Wekiwa 5, Level 2.

Note 6: Child care for children between the ages of six weeks and twelve years is available during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Preregistration and payment by June 15 are required for child care. Child care is organized and supervised by Carla McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Duncan McQuillan serves as the activities and staff

coordinator. Please note that child-care services provides morning and afternoon snacks, but parents are required to provide lunch for their child(ren) every day. Times listed are the opening and closing times. A late fee of \$10 per quarter-hour per child will be assessed for late pickups. Child-care services hours are:

Thursday, June 30	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30
pm Friday, July 1	Closed
Saturday, July 2	8:30 am to noon and 12:45 to 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 3	9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30
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Monday, July 4 pm	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30
Tuesday, July 5 pm <i>and</i>	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30
Banquet, July 5 banquet ends	6:30 pm to 30 minutes after the

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NAVIGATING THE HOTEL

(Adapted from an article by Mary Ellen Jernigan in the May 2011 *Braille Monitor*)

In recent years I have written a description of the layout of the convention hotel. Although I have tried, I haven't been able to come up with an image as memorable as "a high top tennis shoe lying on its side" to picture the footprint of the hotel. Nor can I speak easily in terms of north, south, east, and west, because if you were to walk in the front door with compass in hand (which I did), you would find that you were heading not south, not east, or even southeast, but a little east of southeast—120 degrees to be exact.

The first thing to understand about the hotel is that the meeting rooms are located in an area that is totally separate from the part of the hotel that contains the sleeping rooms. The sleeping room elevators do not go to the meeting room levels. This means that the starting place to find any meeting room is always the main lobby.

When you have come in the front door, the hotel registration desk is located to your left along the same wall as the front door. Directly across from the front door toward the far side of the lobby you will find the Birdcage. The Birdcage is a tall, free-standing structure about three feet across filled with colorful, chirping, tropical birds, and is used by hotel staff and guests alike as a major landmark and meeting place. Just beyond the Birdcage is a balcony railing overlooking the level below. Since the odd compass orientation of the hotel makes speaking of facing, turning, or walking north, south, east, or west not particularly meaningful, I will use the following terms in describing the lobby: front door side of the lobby, balcony side of the lobby, facing the balcony, facing the front door, and standing at the Birdcage.

There are two sets of elevators in the main lobby. One set serves the lobby level, the lower lobby level, and floors 1 through 10. These elevators are located inside of a short, free-standing elevator corridor, which is perpendicular to and directly across from the hotel check-in desk. The corridor has an opening at both ends—one end opening toward the hotel check-in desk, and the other end opening toward the balcony side of the lobby. If you turn right as you exit the elevator corridor at the balcony end of the corridor, you will be heading directly toward the Birdcage.

The second set of elevators serves the lobby level, the lower lobby level, and floors 10 through 14. To find this set of elevators from the front door, cross the lobby to the Birdcage (at this point you will be facing the balcony rail overlooking the lower level) and turn right, walking until you dead end at a display case outside of the entrance to the Cala Bella restaurant. The elevators are now immediately on your right.

The numbering system for the sleeping rooms is based on the floor and the wing in which the room is located, with the floor number given first followed by the wing designation and then the room number. On each sleeping room floor as you leave the elevator area there is a tactile placard on the wall giving a diagram of the wing layout. The letters and numbers can be read tactilely.

If you are standing at the Birdcage facing the balcony rail, the staircase leading down to the lower level will be to your right along the balcony rail. Farther to your right is the fine dining Italian bistro Cala Bella. If you are facing the balcony rail and turn left at the Birdcage you will be walking along the balcony side of the lobby. You would pass the opening into the 1 to 10 elevator corridor on your left, and then continuing on you would find the concierge on your right. Immediately beyond the concierge's desk is a small single elevator which serves only the lobby level, the lower lobby level, and sleeping rooms located on the third floor. Just beyond this elevator are the entrances into the spa and fitness center. In this corner of the lobby you will also find men's and women's restrooms and a staircase leading to the third floor sleeping rooms.

Located on the lower level of the lobby is the large Café Osceola, which is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, offering both buffets and á la carte menu options. Also on this level is the 18 Monroe Street Market. This market is open 24 hours a day and is a combination of convenience store and quick-service restaurant. The restaurant part of the operation opens at 6:30 am and continues well into the evening, offering hot and cold deli-style sandwiches, salads, pizza, hot entrées and desserts either for dine-in or take-out to your room or the outside eating area near the pools. This is a large area containing tables and chairs.

The hotel swimming pools and hot tubs, outdoor function space, and recreation areas, and the Cat-Tails Pool Bar & Grille are all accessed

from the lower lobby level. All of this outdoor space is located on the rear side.

Outside on the front entrance side at the lobby level is a stand-alone facility housing a restaurant called A Land Remembered, open for dinner only. As you leave the hotel, a long covered walkway to the right of the front entrance leads to A Land Remembered.

MEETING SPACE

The meeting space is connected to the main lobby and sleeping room section by a wide passageway accessed only from the lobby level. Standing at the Birdcage facing the front door side of the hotel, walking forward across the lobby, and making a left turn just before going out the front door places you at the entrance to the passageway connecting the lobby and meeting space. Or if you are coming into the hotel through the front door, making a right turn immediately after passing the bell stand will place you at the entrance to this passageway.

Along both sides of the passageway are restaurants and shops. Walking toward the meeting space, the first thing on your left will be Smooth Java, a full-service coffee bar featuring Starbucks coffees; followed by Headwaters Lounge, which serves appetizers, salads, and sandwiches, as well as beverages; and finally the Banrai Sushi restaurant. The right side of the passageway as you walk toward the meeting space has a guest services counter where you can obtain tickets and transportation to various local attractions or arrange for an Enterprise rental car, followed by a number of retail shops, as well as the Tobias Flats & Watering Hole, serving soups, salads, grilled flatbread sandwiches, and desserts. New since our last visit is Mi Casa Tequila Taqueria, serving guacamole prepared tableside, a variety of Mexican dishes, and specialty margaritas.

After passing by the retail shops and eateries, you come to a large rotunda, which serves as the entryway to the hotel's meeting space sometimes referred to as the "Convention Center." Continuing straight ahead, crossing the Rotunda to the far side, you will find a wide, short flight of steps leading up to Level 2 of the meeting space. At the base of the steps to the right and the left are escalators and staircases leading down to Level 1 of the meeting space. The escalator and staircase on your right take you to the Panzacola-Sebastian wing of the meeting space on Level 1. All of our meetings and activities on Level 1 are in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing. The escalator and staircase on your left lead to the Gatlin wing of the Level 1 meeting space. A small escalator located to the right of the steps also leads up to Level 2 of the meeting space.

None of our meetings or activities takes place in the Gatlin wing. Should you go down that escalator or staircase on your left, you cannot get to our meeting space in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing except by coming back up to the Rotunda and taking the other escalator or staircase leading to the Panzacola-Sebastian wing.

With respect to the escalator and staircase, the staircase is located between the up escalator and the down escalator. A small elevator also serves the meeting space in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing on Level 1, the Rotunda, and the meeting space on Level 2. Please note that there is also a small elevator that goes from Level 2 to the Rotunda and to the Gatlin wing on Level 1. This means that should you happen to take the Gatlin wing elevator from Level 2, you would need to get off at the Rotunda. Remember, if you end up in the Gatlin wing (either by taking the wrong elevator, the wrong staircase, or the wrong escalator), you need to return to the Rotunda to get to the Panzacola-Sebastian wing. Level 2 of the meeting space is also served by two short escalators going only between the Rotunda and Level 2—the down escalator being found near the small elevator serving the Panzacola-Sebastian wing, and the up escalator being found near the small elevator serving the Gatlin wing.

If you continue straight ahead after you reach the top of the short flight of steps leading to Level 2, you enter a corridor containing the ten Wekiwa meeting rooms. These rooms are along both sides of the corridor with 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the right, and 10, 9, 8, 7, and 6 on the left.

If at the top of the steps you were to turn left and continue walking until you cannot go farther and then turn right, you enter a corridor containing the eleven Suwannee meeting rooms. These rooms are along both sides of the corridor with 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 on the right side, and 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, and 16 on the left. There are restrooms just ahead of you before you make the right turn into the Suwannee meeting room corridor.

Also located on Level 2 are the St. John's meeting rooms, but we do not use the St. John's rooms for any of our meetings.

The General Sessions, the Board meeting, the Banquet, the Exhibit Hall and Independence Market, Registration and Preregistration, Resolutions Committee meeting, and a number of our other activities and meetings are located on Level 1 in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing. The Panzacola-Sebastian wing contains the Panzacola Ballroom and the Sebastian Ballroom—both of which divide up into many smaller

meeting room sections. The names of the sections of the Panzacola Ballroom begin with F, G, or H. The sections of the Sebastian Ballroom begin with I, J, K, or L.

As you enter the Panzacola-Sebastian wing from the escalator, staircase, or small elevator you are entering an L-shaped passageway. As you continue walking straight ahead, you are walking along the short arm of the 'L.' The Panzacola meeting rooms F-4, F-3, F-2, and F-1 (in that order) will be on your left. There will be no rooms on your right. This short arm of the 'L' is about 200 feet long and ends at the Panzacola registration counter. (We are not using the Panzacola registration counter, but it is a good landmark to use to find the intersection of the long and short arms of the 'L.') Turning left at the Panzacola registration counter, you enter the very long (about 500 feet) arm of the 'L.' Along the left side of the long arm of the 'L' passageway (also known as the Panzacola-Sebastian Pre-function area) will be entryways (in this order) to the Panzacola G and H rooms and the Sebastian I, J, K, and L rooms. Along the right side of the passageway are glass doors and windows to the outside of the hotel, restrooms, and the Sebastian registration counter. Preregistration on Friday, July 1, will be at the Sebastian registration counter. Registration on Friday, July 1, for those who have not preregistered, will be farther down the 'L,' beyond the Sebastian registration counter. Later in the week, all registration will be at the Sebastian registration counter. During much of the convention, the hotel plans to offer buffet-type fast food service (quick breakfasts, beverages, soups, sandwiches, salads, chips, and perhaps some hot entrées) in the Panzacola-Sebastian Prefunction area.

General Sessions will be held in Sebastian I and J. The Exhibit Hall will be in Sebastian K and L, which is the last section of the Sebastian Ballroom at the very far end of the 500-foot passageway. Doors across the far end of the passageway lead outside to the event parking lot. Exiting these doors and turning right will lead to another dog relief area.

As I bring this article to a close, I offer one final navigation tip. If after studying this material you remember only one thing—it should be this: To go to any meeting of any kind from inside the hotel you must get yourself to the Rotunda.

See you at the Rotunda!

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